1. PHYSICAL CONSTANTS

Table 1.1. Reviewed 1993 by B.N. Taylor, NIST. The set of constants excluding the last group (which come from the Particle Data Group) is recommended by CODATA for international use. The 1-σ uncertainties in the last digits are given in parentheses after the values. See the full edition of this *Review* for references and further explanation.

Quantity	Symbol, equation	Value	Uncert. (ppm)
speed of light in vacuum	c	299 792 458 m s^{-1}	exact*
Planck constant	h	6.626 075 5(40)$\times 10^{-34}$ J s	0.60
Planck constant, reduced	$\hbar \equiv h/2\pi$	1.054 572 66(63)$\times 10^{-34}$ J s	0.60
		= 6.582 122 0(20)$\times 10^{-22}$ MeV s	0.30
electron charge magnitude	e	1.602 177 33(49)$\times 10^{-19}$ C = 4.803 206 8(15)$\times 10^{-10}$ esu	0.30, 0.30
conversion constant	$\hbar c$	197.327 053(59) MeV fm	0.30
conversion constant	$(\hbar c)^2$	0.389 379 66(23) GeV^2 mbarn	0.59
electron mass	m_e	0.510 999 06(15) MeV/c^2 = 9.109 389 7(54)$\times 10^{-31}$ kg	0.30, 0.59
proton mass	m_p	938.272 31(28) MeV/c^2 = 1.672 623 1(10)$\times 10^{-27}$ kg	0.30, 0.59
		= 1.007 276 470(12) u = 1836.152 701(37) m_e	0.012, 0.020
deuteron mass	m_d	1875.613 39(57) MeV/c^2	0.30
unified atomic mass unit (u)	(mass ^{12}C atom)/12 = (1 g)/(N_A mol)	931.494 32(28) MeV/c^2 = 1.660 540 2(10)$\times 10^{-27}$ kg	0.30, 0.59
permittivity of free space	ϵ_0 } $\epsilon_0 \mu_0 = 1/c^2$	8.854 187 817 ... $\times 10^{-12}$ F m^{-1}	exact
permeability of free space	μ_0	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ N A^{-2} = 12.566 370 614 ... $\times 10^{-7}$ N A^{-2}	exact
fine-structure constant	$\alpha = e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c$	1/137.035 989 5(61)†	0.045
classical electron radius	$r_e = e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e c^2$	2.817 940 92(38)$\times 10^{-15}$ m	0.13
electron Compton wavelength	$\lambdabar_e = \hbar/m_e c = r_e \alpha^{-1}$	3.861 593 23(35)$\times 10^{-13}$ m	0.089
Bohr radius ($m_{\text{nucleus}} = \infty$)	$a_\infty = 4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2/m_e e^2 = r_e \alpha^{-2}$	0.529 177 249(24)$\times 10^{-10}$ m	0.045
wavelength of 1 eV/c particle	hc/e	1.239 842 44(37)$\times 10^{-6}$ m	0.30
Rydberg energy	$hcR_\infty = m_e e^4/2(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2\hbar^2 = m_e c^2\alpha^2/2$	13.605 698 1(40) eV	0.30
Thomson cross section	$\sigma_T = 8\pi r_e^2/3$	0.665 246 16(18) barn	0.27